

## The monthly report from Kalimpong Animal Shelter

The animal clinic is open always as there are numerous animals, mainly dogs coming for their health check-up, treatment against various diseases, and vaccinations.

Now with the seasonal changes, there are more cases of fever, bacterial infections, skin infections, etc. The sick ones are checked by the Vet and treated as instructed and are closely monitored by the Shelter Paravets.



There were *four hundred and forty eight* OPD cases in April.

### Animal Birth Control Programme

Sixty-five dogs and twenty-one cats have been spayed successfully this month. Many were owner dogs and the rest were stray dogs that were caught by the KAS team. There were eleven ABC Programmes that were conducted in the Shelter and two village camps in the month of April.



Two successful Village camps supported by Help Animals India and APN Sweden were organised in the month of April at Mansong and Mangpong, which fall under Bloc I and Bloc II of Kalimpong district.

A total of thirteen dogs and one cat were spayed by Dr Deo assisted by Paravet Mr Lil at Mansong camp including the vaccination of twenty-one dogs against rabies.

Following this, the Mungpoo camp was another successful camp which was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. Twenty dogs including one male dog were sterilised including the vaccination of four dogs against rabies.



The staff monthly meeting was conducted by the Shelter Manager Mr Arpan . The trustee in charge Mrs. Yamima and Mr. Alain were also present in the meeting. The meeting centered on work updates, reviews, treatment, camps, surrender of animals, adoptions, etc.



Also, the KAS team, Mrs Yamima, Mr Arpan and Yogita visited the sister Shelter , Darjeeling Animal Shelter for the general meeting and work review. The Darjeeling Animal Shelter Manager, Mrs Furmit, and the Vet Dr Mihir conducted the meeting there and discussed work with Mrs. Yamima Dupont and Mr. Arpan. The meeting was fruitful and all enjoyed a very good veg lunch served by the new cook.



A few of the Shelter dogs had a very good bath day. Surely, some of the pooches needed it to relax themselves. It was a relief for them from fleas as well as they got the spray and a good wash to help them. The other pack of dogs is still waiting for their bath day and the team has decided to give them a good shower on one of these sunny days.



A dog that got into a fight with a porcupine was brought to the Shelter. Dr Deo checked on the dog and gave him relaxants and advised medication for a few days. Quoting the words of the owner, "my dog



came home yelping and limping and he did not want to eat anything at all. He had some quills from the porcupine in his body. I was worried and carried him to Kalimpong Animal Shelter." The Vet saw the dog and found out it was a minor injury. The dog is back on his feet again.

Mr. Lakpa, the Shelter Paravet who is in charge of catching and monitoring the same has been out to patrol dogs every Monday along with his junior colleague Mr. Roshan. They have identified female dogs from the Army Cantonment area that need spaying and have brought them to the Shelter where they are accommodated until their release after spaying.



Last but not least, The DGAS Trustee, Mr Nirmal was in Kalimpong Shelter after the Darjeeling Shelter trip. A brief staff meeting was called, where he met all the team of KAS and praised them for their selfless work.

Following this, the Trustee meeting was held in Crookety House where all the DGAS Trustees were invited to be part of the Annual General Meeting. The board of Trustees namely Dr Rinzee Wangdi , Mr Donald Karthak, Mrs. Yamima, and Mr Nirmal attended the AGM.

Unfortunately, the two other Trustees- Mrs Timmie Kumar and Dr Mehta couldn't make it. The Board missed their presence very much and of course, the founding Trustee- Dr Christine Townend, and Sir Jeremy during the AGM.



In Pic –(Left) : Trustees Dr Rinzee, Mrs Yamima, Mr Nirmal , Mr Donald and DGAS Manager Mr Arpan and advisor Mr. Alain at Crookety House during the AGM

Talking about the **Trustees** in brief –

- Dr Rinzee is a retired teacher-in-charge from Southfield College earlier known as Loreto College, Darjeeling . She is the author of many journals and periodicals and also the President of Himalayan Buddhist Cultural Women Association , Darjeeling and a member of the the College Service Commission , West Bengal.
- Trustee Mr Donald Karthak is the gentleman who sold the land to KAS at a very less price back then , the land where Kalimpong Animal Shelter stands today. He is the Director and proprietor of the Kurseong Computer Centre (IICE) , Kalimpong and an Elder of Bom Self-Supporting church, Kalimpong.

- Dr Mehta is a very influential person, an ardent animal lover, and the founder of Jaipur Foot. He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1961 and held several positions with the Govt. of India and Rajasthan. He was the Addl. Secretary , Ministry of Finance , Government of India. Also, the Director General of Foreign Trade , India, Ministry of Commerce , GOI, Dy Governor – Reserve Bank of India. He has received many accolades from the Government of India as well. Some of which are –
  - Padma Bhushan – One of the topmost civil awards in India
  - Rajiv Gandhi National Sadhbhavna Award from the Prime Minister of India in 2012 for his social services
  - Tech Museum award from Innovation and its Use for Humanity in the USA in 2007
- Mrs Timmie Kumar is the founder member and a Trustee of ‘The Animal Lover Association’, an NGO in Agra and the founder of the Kennel Club of Agra in 1996. She started working with Help in Suffering (HIS), Jaipur as a volunteer and took over as the Managing Trustee of HIS in 2002 – the first Indian lady as the Managing Trustee of HIS. She won the Pride of Jaipur award in 2012 and an award from Nexzen for excellence in Social work. She is an ardent animal lover and has held numerous campaigns.
- Mr Nimal Jain – is the Finance Director of Help In Suffering, Jaipur and the Trustee of DGAS . He ensures all accounts of the Trust are well taken care of. For the DGAS Trust, his contribution is endless from handling accounts and official to legal matters of the Trust.
- Mrs Yamima Lepcha Dupont – is the local Trustee-in-charge of DGAS and she deals with the local affairs and official matters of the Trust. She is an entrepreneur and an accountant by profession.



*At a glance*



The Kalimpong Animal Shelter team with Trustees, Mrs Yamima , Mr. Nirmal and Mr. Alain in the 'meeting room' at the KAS office



**Thank you isn't enough for all you do**

On behalf of all the DGAS family, we send our heartfelt thanks to all donor Organisations and each individual for supporting DGAS in its journey to help more animals.

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